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## **TANCREDO CAUTIONS MEXICO ON LATEST MOVE TO ENCOURAGE ILLEGAL MIGRANTS**

*Considers provision to relieve Mexico of foreign aid to offset costs*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) cautioned Mexico today over their Foreign Ministry's distribution of a "comic book" called *The Guide for the Mexican Migrant*, explaining the dos and don'ts for those who intend on crossing into the United States illegally.

"This is not an action of a friendly neighbor. What would the Mexican government say if we encouraged our citizens to violate Mexican law? It is a great example of how 'hooked Mexico has become on remittances, which are dollars sent home by alien nationals working in the U.S.," explained Tancredo, Chairman of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus. Remittances are now at about \$18 Billion dollars a year, account for more income to Mexico than any source other than PEMEX, the state owned Petroleum Company.

A report from the *Arizona Republic* on January 1, 2005 describes the book as such:

"Using simple language, the book offers safety information for border crossers, a primer on their legal rights and advice on living unobtrusively in the United States. Dramatic drawings show undocumented immigrants wading into a river, running from the U.S. Border and crouching near a hole in a border fence."

Rep. Tancredo is now considering a provision that would cut Mexico's foreign aid by the amount of remittances they receive, in order to both offset the strain illegal immigrants put on the American taxpayers and to pressure Mexico to stop encouraging their nationals to put their lives at risk in the desert.

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